

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 remain in this application.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to include the reciprocating piston pump with displacement rod and housing. As to the assertion that the language "wherein said bearing and said throat seal are disposed around said displacement rod and retained between said housing and said wet cup" is not understood, claim 1 has been amended to set forth "wherein said bearing and said throat seal are disposed around said displacement rod and retained between said displacement rod and said wet cup." Claim 1 has also been amended to remove the noted informality.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bimba. It is submitted that claim 1 as amended patentably distinguishes over the rejection of record. In particular, claim 1 expands upon the language setting forth the wet cup to require a fluid carrying space, which is in fact the function of a wet cup in a reciprocating pump. Bimba neither shows nor suggests a wet cup of any sort and none of the other references of record suggest how to do so.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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